



Promising Future for UVSC Wasatch Campus

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Wave Editor

Utah Valley State College (UVSC) students may be attending classes in the proposed new Wasatch campus building as soon as the fall semester of 2004.

After two days of intensive meetings last week, a committee made up of state, local and college officials determined the steps necessary to build the col-

lege's Wasatch campus at a site located two miles north of Heber City limits at about 3000 North U.S. Highway 40 across from the North Fields.

By September of last year, two significant donations were in place that would allow UVSC to build a campus here. UVSC received \$5 million from Jeff Knowles, a 1989 graduate of Wasatch High School, and a

donation of 23 acres of land from Jim Winkler, Clark Hall, and Gary Willey, all Wasatch County residents.

However, high infrastructure costs threatened to stall the project. Neither Wasatch County, Heber City or North Village developers were able to front the cost of running sewer and water lines to the college property.

Both Wasatch County and Heber City submitted estimates to UVSC for the cost of running a sewer and water lines to the college. Wasatch County would hook the North Village up the Jordanelle Special Service District, which in turn is serviced by the Heber Valley Service District, for approximately \$4 million. Heber City's estimate was less than half that

for all off-site infrastructure costs, including a water tank.

At the two-day meeting held at the Homestead Resort in Midway, the infrastructure obstacle was eliminated with two words—septic tanks.

UVSC Dean and Assistant to the President, Barbara von Diether told the *Wave* in an interview Thursday, June 7, that the Wasatch Campus Planning

Committee concluded that a two-tank septic system was viable for the college. The septic system will allow the college to support a student population of 2500. Moreover, property owner, Jim Winkler, agreed to lease UVSC property for the needed drain field.

The agreement will terminate when the college connects to a

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Family Values

The Issue:

The Pioneer Family Monument

We Suggest:

Donating money to the monument fund

Supporters of the Pioneer Family Monument are half-way to fulfilling their funding goal of \$70,000. They've raised \$36,000 thus far to pay for the life-sized bronze statue that will grace the front lawn of the historic Heber City Office Building.

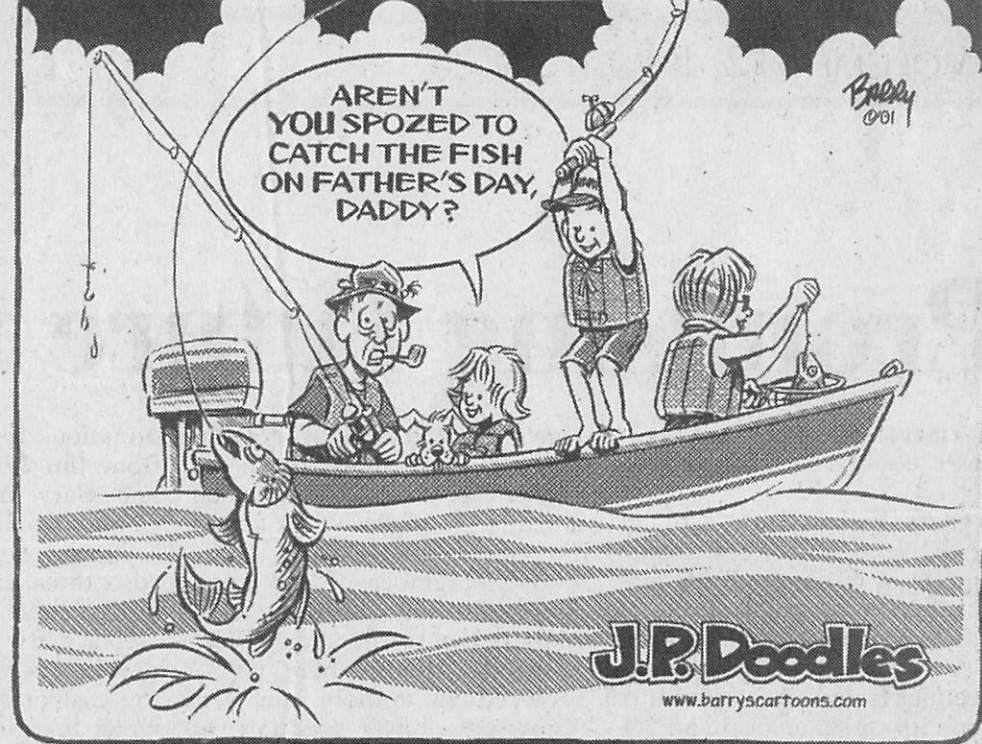
The placement of the monument balances Main Street. The two bronzes, the Pioneer Family on the north end and Journey's End at the south end of the street, will give the west side of Main

tain valley—particularly commuters.

The Pioneer Family monument will be placed in the heart of this community even as the sanctity of families continues under fire.

Yet, Fillerup sees this community as one that stands up for family values, for unity and traditions.

This monument will be a visual reminder to all that the strength in individuals, communities and nations is derived from the most



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when the college connects to a sewer line. At that time, the drain field property will revert back to Winkler, von Diether said.

Blake Court, the Utah Division of Finance and Construction Management's project director for the Wasatch Campus, accepted the septic proposal for the college. He estimated the dual septic system would cost the college approximately \$60,000.

"This is so doable," Heber City Mayor Lynn Adams said. Adams, who is also a professor at UVSC, added, "This puts three-fourths of the politics out the window."

Adams said Court estimated water system cost at \$1 mil-

lion. An assesment district can be formed to finance it. He explained an assessment district will allow Wasatch County to "create the bonds and then let the property owners pay for it."

UVSC Dean Barbara von Diether said that Gary Willey told the Wasatch Campus Planning Committee that he would participate in funding the water project. He plans to "bring water lines up to 1,200 feet of the edge of the campus," von Diether said.

"It remains to be decided where the water tank will be built," she said. The tank will have to hold one million gallons of water to provide enough water flow for fire protection requirements.

Other than hurdling the

infrastructure obstacle, von Diether said the committee determined the specifics of the proposed building, the services it will house and what academic programs the college will promote.

According to von Diether, the 50,000-square foot building will house an electronic library, a distance learning center, cafeteria, student commons area, administration offices and 12 classrooms.

The building will have an additional 12 unfinished classrooms to be completed on demand. As the campus grows and new buildings are needed, they will house the various academic departments and their classrooms.

UVSC anticipates an opening enrollment of 1000 students.

Adams said enrollent for the summer semester at UVSC here was up 100 enrollments over last year, which is the equivialnt of 25 full-time students. The Wasatch campus is showing steady enrollment increases and Adams said many of the students are coming from Utah County to attend classes here.

UVSC has a total enrollment of approximately 25,000 students and the college turns away at least 2000 applicants per year, said Adams.

The Wasatch Campus will focus on engineering, computer, business and education degrees said von Diether. "Those are the degrees we'll promote because jobs in those areas are readily available."

The proposed Wasatch campus is on the "fast track,"

Adams said. According to the scheduling outlined by the Wasatch Campus Planning Committee, the project will go before the Utah State Legislature's appropriations committee in August. If accepted, it will be voted on in the January 2002 legislative session. From there the campus will be designed with construction beginning in 2003 and occupancy in 2004.

Wasatch County residents will be able to review the plans for the campus at an open house on June 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. It will be held at Jim Winkler's home at 2700 North U.S. Highway 40.

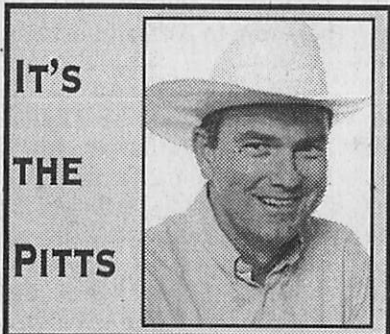
Holding the open house in the Winkler home gives people interested in the project to walk the site.

Taking the "Hypocritic" Oath

BY LEE PITTS
Guest Commentary

I swear an oath on my honor as a hypocrite that...

I will cuss cows but eat beef, blast miners but wear jewelry and drive a car but condemn oil com-



panies. I don't want trees cut for any purpose other than to provide the lumber for my next house.

with the IRS, EPA, USDA, FBI, BLM and assorted other alphabet agencies.

As a self-righteous hypocrite it is my duty to celebrate Earth Day with barbecues and parades and by leaving tons of trash behind. I demand that feedlots and farms stop polluting our ground water. That privilege should be preserved for me every time I flush the contents of my toilet into a septic tank or the ocean.

I want to relocate grizzly bears and wolves to the West but not in my big city backyard. After all, people live here! I give my permission for mountain lions to eat lambs but if a lion eats my dog or cat I demand the abominable beast be shot on sight!

I will cuss oil companies on talk radio and stand in the way of their drilling more wells while sitting in my gas guzzling SUV with

vegetables in a garden I demand to have a say on how farmers and ranchers do it. As a pompous hypocrite I demand that water, herbicides, and pesticides be taken away from farmers immediately, but I don't want it to effect the price, quantity or quality of the food I buy in the store. It is my strongly held conviction that we should ban all pesticides, except the can of bug spray I use to kill ants and other unwanted bugs in my home.

As a mealy-mouthed hypocrite I vow to help stop global warming by watching the Discovery Channel on my giant

I will hound hunters in the woods because they use guns despite the fact that hunting groups have increased habitat and wildlife numbers. I demand that the government end all timber cutting or recovery in our national forests but I'll cry like a singed coyote if the feds allow wildfires to burn near my house.

As a card carrying hypocrite I disavow the use of fur, leather, wool and all animal byproducts, except the ones used in medicine that might save my life. I demand labels be placed on all food products but not on a rock album that endorses killing cops.

I assert that cattle pooping on our nation's grasslands is a national disgrace while fertilizing my urban lawn with steer manure and urea is simply good ecol-

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